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COUNTRY East Germany REPORT NO. [redacted]

TOPIC Military Information from Merseburg

EVALUATION [redacted] 25X1 PLACE OBTAINED [redacted] 25X1

DATE OF CONTENT 5 to 18 February 1953

DATE OBTAINED [redacted] DATE PREPARED 10 March 1953

REFERENCES [redacted] 25X1

PAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

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25X1 1. At 11:30 a.m. on 6 February, a column of 35 to 40 motor vehicles, 15 prime movers 6 of which towed guns and the remaining truck trailers; 1 ambulance; and 3 field kitchens moved from the Flak Kaserne in Merseburg toward Weissenfels. Ten trucks were occupied
25X1 by personnel and 10 others were loaded with boxes and billeting
25X1 equipment. [redacted] Motor vehicles [redacted] had been seen in Merseburg on 5 February.[1]

25X1 2. On 15 February, two units each of about 1,000 soldiers were lined
25X1 up in the Flak Kaserne. On 18 February, six prime movers each towing
25X1 a 100-mm AT gun moved to the railroad station. Motor vehicles [redacted] were seen going to the installation.[2]

25X1 [redacted] Comment. [redacted] The column [redacted] probably
25X1 consisted of elements of the 76th Arty Brig (US) outside the town
25X1 on the road to Weissenfels, it is possible that the elements were
25X1 loaded at the Merseburg freight station west of Weissenfelser
25X1 Strasse. [redacted] on 7 February,
25X1 a troop train went to Ohrdruf [redacted]

25X1 [redacted] Comment. Credible information indicates that only the 76th Arty Brig (US) totalling 1,600 to 1,700 soldiers and a small signal unit which probably is subordinate to the GOFG are stationed in the Flak Kaserne. As elements of the brigade returned from the Lossa area in two shipments as late as 17 February, the number of soldiers lined up on 15 February is exaggerated.

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